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Barrow Announces 12th District Schools to Receive an Estimated \$70.9 Million

Recovery Act funds will help Students, Teachers, and Families

Washington, D.C. – Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) announced today that an estimated \$70,969,000 in emergency education funding has been released for schools in Georgia’s 12th District to help save education-related jobs and maintain programs for low-income students and students with disabilities. Schools in the 12th District will receive an estimated \$42,376,000 in Title I funds and \$28,593,000 in IDEA funds.

Nationwide, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$13 billion in Title I funds, which help low-income students, and \$13.5 billion in IDEA funds, which help students with disabilities. This is the first of two installments of direct funding for Title I and IDEA programs that school districts will receive under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; the second installment of funds will be released to districts this fall.

“This bill will help the kids who need it most right now, and will prepare them better for the future,” said Barrow. “At times like these, we need to be investing in our kids, and that includes saving the jobs of the folks who work in our schools, not firing them.”

The following school districts in Georgia’s 12th District will receive Title I and IDEA funds:

	Title I	IDEA
Baldwin	\$1,081,000	\$1,253,000
Bulloch	\$1,614,000	\$1,784,000
Burke	\$1,624,000	\$1,027,000
Candler	\$630,000	\$394,000
Chatham	\$10,417,000	\$7,974,000
Effingham	\$770,000	\$1,628,000
Emanuel	\$1,650,000	\$861,000
Evans	\$687,000	\$436,000
Glascocock	\$45,000	\$80,000
Hancock	\$492,000	\$322,000
Jefferson	\$1,092,000	\$684,000
Jenkins	\$613,000	\$363,000
Johnson	\$463,000	\$386,000
Montgomery	\$341,000	\$306,000

Richmond	\$16,277,000	\$7,763,000
Screven	\$620,000	\$608,000
Taliaferro	\$127,000	\$66,000
Tattnall	\$1,020,000	\$742,000
Toombs	\$1,259,000	\$685,000
Treutlen	\$416,000	\$254,000
Warren	\$298,000	\$224,000
Washington	\$840,000	\$753,000

In addition to the Title I and IDEA investments, the Recovery Act also created a state stabilization fund to help stabilize state and local budgets and prevent harmful cuts to education. Along with announcing the release of funding for local districts, the Obama administration also issued guidelines today to clarify how these funds should be used to help clear up recent confusion over whether the state can decide how local districts and colleges use those funds. States can now apply for this funding.

The guidelines confirm that, while states allocate the funds, it should be up to local school districts and colleges and universities to decide how to use this emergency aid, not up to states. The guidelines also reaffirm that state stabilization funds should be used for three purposes: to prevent harmful cuts to K-12 and higher education, to stave off teacher layoffs, and to modernize school facilities – which could create new jobs.

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